

King County 4-H

Clover Courier



Agents Corner

Website: <http://www.metrokc.gov/wsu-ce/4-H/>

2005 Volunteer and Community Service Hours Reporting

The reporting for the 2005 calendar year for your club's volunteer and community service hours is now set up to receive your input for 2005. The web address is <http://kingcounty4h.org/>

To enter your hours follow the steps below:

Step 1:

Login insert your 4-H club number

Step 2:

Password kingclover (press Login)

Next Step Click **Club Info:**

fill in your 4-H club name, King County Council District where your club meets if you know it, club's primary meeting address, and click on club type (press submit)

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Next Page Click **Volunteer Hours:**

Fill in requested information (press submit)

Next Page Click **Community Service:** fill in requested information (press submit)

Next Page Click **View Hours:** Select the month and year you want to review (press submit)

Next Page Click **Change Password:** Insert in Old Password **kingclover**

Insert in New Password **a password that you choose for your entire club to use**

Insert in Confirm Password **password entered for new password** (press submit)

Please let us know if you are having difficulty with the system.

We will tabulate the data on a monthly basis. It is now time to submit your hours for the month of January, 2005. Your recording of data will help us in showing the significant contributions 4-H makes in King County. We are asking each club to participate fully in this reporting system. It will benefit all of us in 4-H and validate the enormous positive impact you make in King County.

Thank you for your support in carrying out this accountability initiative.

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Important Upcoming Dates

Mar 5, 2005	Super Saturday	Extension Office COUNTY LEVEL PUBLIC PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITY
March 19, 2005	Small Farms Expo	King County Fairgrounds COUNTY LEVEL PUBLIC PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITY
March 31, 2005	Spring Leaders Meeting	Extension Office
July 20-24, 2005	King County Fair	The interim Fair Manager is Sharon Roberts

Are Your 4-H Club Members Enrolled In 4-H and Covered By 4-H Insurance?



Think twice before you say yes. The records show that -

- Many active 4-H clubs and/or 4-H members are not currently enrolled for the 2004-2005 4-H year.
 - Enrollment is accomplished by submitting a properly completed and signed enrollment or re-enrollment form, along with Association Program Fees, to the King County Extension Office 4-H Department. This information is entered into the 4-H enrollment computer program by a 4-H volunteer.
 - Per our insurance policy, members are covered by insurance only if they are "currently active" which means they must be enrolled in 4-H for the 2004-2005 4-H year.
 - The insurance premium is paid at the first of the year by the King County 4-H Association and is funded by the Association Program Fees paid by each club.
- Many clubs have not paid their Association Program Fees for the current (and past) 4-H year(s). This means that only some clubs are paying for everyone's insurance.

You can verify if your club and/or members are enrolled and have paid their program fees by contacting Carey Roos at 253-205-3152.



Important News about the Fair

You must be enrolled in King County 4-H with enrollment forms to the Extension Office no later than May 1, 2005 to be eligible to enter and participate at the fair. Some projects require earlier enrollments. Please check with your leader.

Club eligibility for King County Fair

Per currently published King County 4-H Association Policy (see the December Clover Courier), clubs who have not paid their current year Program Fees are not eligible to attend the King County Fair.

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As part of our King County 4-H Risk Management Plan, certain areas of the fairgrounds used by horses before and during fair will be restricted.

A map of areas where only Horse Project enrolled 4-H members will be allowed during the fair and while horses are on site before the fair opens will be distributed at the Spring Leader's Meeting. A horse project supplied wrist band will be required to be in the restricted areas. Gate 6 (in the back corner on the southeast side of the fairgrounds) will be used for fairgrounds access by those wearing the previously mentioned wrist band only. This procedure has been reviewed and accepted by the Association Committee, the horse project and the fair management.

Spring Leader's Meeting

March 31, 2005

Be sure your club is represented to get your fair entry information and important news about this year's fair. (upstairs at the Extension Office)



Money Making Opportunities at the Kent Farmer's Market



There are two ways your club or group can earn money at the market. The first is to have a car wash. They provide the water and hoses and advertise for us. The second is to sell homemade items (excluding food). This could range from home grown vegetables to hand made cards and your own photography. You could do face painting for donations or bring your animals to show the public and talk about 4-H. Contact Dianne Heath at 253-630-1782 or <mailto:lighthousedh@comcast.net> soon to schedule a Saturday.



State 4-H Fair Patch Design Contest



Use your creativity and win some nice prizes by being the winning designer of this year's contest. Go to <http://4-h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm> and click on the contest link to find out all about it. Deadline for entries is May 1, 2005

Know Your Government State Conference



Seven delegates from rural King County and three from urban King County attended this year's conference in Olympia. The rural delegates included Hillary Stewart (attorney), Elizabeth Domby (attorney), Brianne Phillips (witness), Emily Peel (juror), Amy Gallegos (witness), Robin Grant (witness) and Grant Maskal (witness). They were accompanied by Dianne Heath, Glenna Maskal and Carris Booker. All had attended training classes at the county level so they would be prepared for the activities at the conference. This year's topic was the judicial system and each delegate played a role in a mock trial. Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning were spent in sessions learning about their trial and more about the roles they were taking. Sunday night we went to the local mall for dinner and shopping and returned to the hotel in time for the dance. On Sunday afternoon we walked from the hotel to the nearby Thurston County Courthouse where real life attorneys served as judges for the courtrooms. The conference closed on Monday with the juries in deliberation followed by announcements of the verdicts. We had wonderful speakers including Secretary of State Sam Reed, Attorney General Rob McKenna and Supreme Court Justice Carol Owens. Next year's topic will be "Creating and Passing a Bill" and the conference will be held February 26-28.

Carey Roos in Africa



Carey was with a group from Washington who taught students in Kigali, Rwanda how to use computers. These students will then teach others how to use computers. Rwanda is one of the smallest, poorest and most densely populated countries in Africa. It is about the size of Maryland and is a hilly country with good soil. Carey reported in their blog that the students were very eager to learn and share their culture with the Americans. They do not have a good system for supplying electricity so they mostly use generators for power and are working on the use of solar power. 94% of the schools have no electricity. Carey visited a National Park with some of the students and was invited to dinner at a student's home. He saw many animals including zebras, elephants, giraffes and hippopotamus. Some of the group visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial. In 1994 800,000 to one million people were killed. They said goodbye on February 17 and started their very long journey back home.



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<<http://www.metrokc.gov/wsu-ce/4-H/>>.

Please send submissions by the first Wednesday of each month to Wayne Heath, care of King County 4-H Office, or <mailto:wheath4@comcast.net>